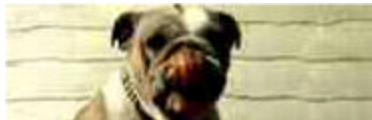


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Mayor Has Confidence In New Plan

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Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was enthusiastic about the new plans released for Detroit's riverfront on Thursday.



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The city of Detroit is joining forces with General Motors, the Kresge Foundation and other government sources in restoring the riverfront from Joe Louis Arena to Belle Isle.

The city has had problems over the years deciding what to do with the area of land that runs along the Detroit River, Local 4 reported. But this time, officials say they got it right.

"We have funding in place today to kick this off," said Kilpatrick.

The initial project will cost \$2 billion, and it includes plans for three parks, one of them being a state park which they have already broke ground

on, officials said.

The funding will also go towards the Dequindre Cut -- a construction project stretching Interstate 375 to run through to the city's riverfront.

Plans are also being made for a Civic Center promenade, parking ramps, a health club and the Port of Detroit complex, where ships will cruise on the waters of the Detroit River, the station reported.

The big picture dream, according to officials, is to go

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from Lake Erie to Lake St. Clair with a river walk that includes businesses, shops and bicycle paths.

The city has \$500,000 in funding to get the project under way, in hopes to take the city to a new level.

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